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SUBJECT:INTERNATIONAL VISITOR PROGRAM

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1. PROGRAM ARRANGED FOR EMIL DANKOV ACHIEVED MAIN OBJECTIVE OF STUDYING MODERN US TEACHING METHODS IN FIELD OF ENGINEERING EDUCATION. EXCELLENT MEETINGS AT AMERICAN ASSOCIATION FOR ENGINEERING EDUCATION AND NSF IN WASHINGTON SET BACKGROUND FOR USEFUL VISITS TO ENGINEERING DEPARTMENTS AT FOLLOWING UNIVERSITIES WITH COMMENTS INDICATED:

--COLORADO STATE COLLEGE, FT. COLLINS, WHERE DANKOV WAS EXTREMELY IMPRESSED WITH ULTRA-MODERN, COMPUTERIZED AUDIO-VISUAL TRAINING FACILITIES;

--COLORADO SCHOOL OF MINES, GOLDEN, WITH TRAINING MINE (DANKOV COMMENTED THAT THIS FACILITY WAS NOT VERY MODERN IN RELATION TO OTHERS HE HAD SEEN IN EUROPE);

--UNIVERSITY OF CALIFORNIA AT BERKELEY WHERE DANKOV WAS VERY WELL RECEIVED AND INFORMATIVE DISCUSSIONS ON CURRICULUM AND FUNDING PROBLEMS ENSURED;
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--STANFORD WHERE ARRANGEMENTS WERE LESS SATISFACTORY
(GRADUATE STUDENT RATHER THAN FACULTY MEMBER LED DANKOV'S
TOUR OF FACILITIES); AND

--USC, UCLA, AND CAL TECH WHERE DISCUSSIONS WERE LENGTHY
AND FULL OF SUBSTANCE. DANKOV WAS VERY ENTHUSIASTIC ABOUT
WHAT HE SAW, PARTICULARLY AT CAL TECH.

2. REPORT ON SUBSTANCE OF VISITS TO PITTSBURGH, BOSTON
AND NEW YORK WILL BE POUCHED.

3. BESIDES PLEASANT HOME HOSPITALITY IN WASHINGTON, D.C.
WHERE HE HAD THANKSGIVING DINNER AND SAN FRANCISCO,
DANKOV ALSO WAS ABLE TO VISIT HIS WIFE'S BROTHER AND
FAMILY IN TORONTO, CANADA, DEC 19-26 AT HIS OWN EXPENSE,
AND WITH HIS EMBASSY'S CONCURRENCE WHICH, NOT SURPRISINGLY,
TOOK A COUPLE OF WEEKS TO OBTAIN. THIS CAUSED
DANKOV SOME ANXIETY UNTIL IT CAME. AFTER THAT, ACCORDING TO HIS ESCORT-INTERPRETER, HE LOOSENERED UP CONSIDERABLY. NO PROBLEMS WERE ENCOUNTERED, AND DANKOV
ADJUSTED READILY AND AMICABLY TO THREE DIFFERENT ESCORT-
INTERPRETERS WHO HAD TO BE SHIFTED DUE TO PERSONAL AND
HOLIDAY SCHEDULING CONSIDERATIONS.

4. DANKOV STRUCK HIS PROFESSIONAL CONTACTS AS OPEN,
OBJECTIVE, TACTFUL AND COMPETENT, AND WAS EFFECTIVE
REPRESENTATIVE OF HIS COUNTRY. ROBINSON

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